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Utah Ranks #1
For Volunteering Efforts

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah ranks number one in the nation for volunteering according to a report, “Volunteering in America: 2007 State Trends and Rankings in Civic Life,” released today by the Corporation for National and Community Services. Based on data collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, this report presents a detailed breakdown of America’s volunteering habits and patterns by state and region.

The report includes a new Civic Life Index, which uses 12 indicators to gauge state levels of community and civic engagement over time. The Civic Life index found that states with higher volunteer rates are extremely likely to also have higher civic index scores; Utah’s Civic Life Index score was 113.7 compared to the national average of 100.

“The report represents an overview of individuals who volunteer, their hours, projects, and groups they work with,” states Kathy Hyde, executive director, Utah Commission on Volunteers (COV). “It is significant that Utah ranked number one across several age group categories including senior, youth, and college.” Volunteers in our state contribute an annual average of 82 service hours per volunteer, for a total of 142,752,957 hours. Non-profit leaders estimate the annual economic equivalent to be \$2,629,383,344 for the state.

To access the complete report, visit www.nationalservice.gov

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